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1. On 4 January 1947 new officers and Committee members of the Tsingtao Soviet Club were elected at a special meeting. Dorofiev, Soviet Vice-Consul stationed in Tientsin, guided the proceedings. Lissorgorsky was elected chairman of the Soviet Association. He did not want the job but took it after what amounted to an order from Dorofiev.

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Note: It was previously reported that Dorofiev arrived in Tsingtao on 24 December 1946 to exchange temporary certificates for Soviet passports.)

2. Reasons given for the replacement of Lechitsky as chairman are:
- He was tired of the job and preferred to devote more time to his business.
 - Many Soviets were dissatisfied with his past record, claiming that he was not aggressive enough. There is also some anti-Semitic feeling against Lechitsky since he is a Jew.
 - Lechitsky's health is not good. He was hospitalized in November and flew to Shanghai on 31 December for an indefinite stay, probably for medical attention there.
3. The 1947 budget for the Tsingtao Soviet Association will be U.S. \$1370 according to Dorofiev. Collection of these funds will necessitate increased assessments upon members.

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Note: This news has not been well received in the Soviet colony. The size of assessments has long been and continues to be the least popular condition of Soviet citizenship.)

4. On 5 January 1947 at an informal appearance before the Soviet Association Dorofiev stressed the following points:
- There should be increased activity by the Association.
 - Dealing with Chinese authorities must be handled cautiously.

(In November 1946 it was reported that the Chinese civil and military police were giving the Soviet Club considerable trouble by inspecting the club as often as three times a week on any trivial excuse.)

c. The Soviet Consulate at Tientsin will increase efforts to obtain official Chinese recognition of the Tsingtao Association and Club.

(On 26 December Dorofiev called on the Mayor of Tsingtao to discuss the status of the application for recognition made earlier in 1946 by the Tsingtao Municipal Government to the Central Government.)

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5. Dorofiev returned to Tientsin on 14 January 1947 by U.S. Navy aircraft.
6. Kostin is becoming a favorite of the Soviet authorities in Tsingtao. He is already the leader of the Youth Troop and was made a member of the Soviet Club Committee by special request of Dorofiev. He replaces Odvalny who went to Shanghai in September 1946.

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